



PARTY TIME in the hood!



TWO PARTIES!!!

2 parties in 3 days.....

What's not to love about this neighborhood?

Saturday Dec. 20th

6:00- (whenever!) Holiday Party!

Ruben & Janna Minjarez' s
533 S. 9th (corner of 9th & Elliot)

Questions? Call Janna: 420-0285

PROVIDED:

Drinks, a great house, fun neighbors! Can it get any better?

YOU might BRING:

A snack to share! This isn't a MEAL, but appetizers and desserts work great. Actually, the table will probably be groaning! Bring something - a homemade goodie OR something from the deli - whatever works for YOU!

(oh, a BIG SECRET HINT here: if you don't have time to get a snack to bring, COME ANYWAY - there is ALWAYS more than enough food!)

You also might BRING:

Not a have-to requirement! Just for FUN!

A GIFT to exchange:

Your gift should be: **HISTORICAL (or HYSTERICAL) & can NOT cost anything!** Special gifts from attic or basement "treasure" troves are the best! (Where is the official 9th Street toilet seat? The Luminaria kit?)

Now, hey...don't get up tight about THIS gift exchange! It's an uproarious tradition... EVERY gift a treasure! Especially treasured are the historical artifacts from neighborhood remodelings.....hee hee.

Don't have time to "find" a gift? Then just come empty-handed! It's fine! There's a HUGE supply from years gone by! (lucky YOU?)

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...and, as usual, for both parties:

CASUAL DRESS

CHILDREN Welcome!

Come for the whole party OR just drop in for a quick drink & snack!

Yes, you can bring something...

Read the "fine print:"

YES, you ARE invited if you receive this newsletter! YES, you can bring a friend. YES, it's ok if this is the first time you attend a neighborhood gathering. NO, you won't be the only new person there. YES, renters are welcomed (it's YOUR neighborhood, too!). WHAT TO WEAR? Whatever yer comfortable in! Can't stay long? That's ok! Just drop in!

Luminaria Display: Dec. 22, 23, 24

This year, we celebrate 22 (continuous) years of the Ninth Street Hill Luminaria! Amazing! A HUGE THANK YOU to all the neighbors who have volunteered! We still need a couple of more

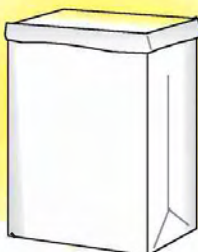
volunteers - can YOU help one night?

Please call DAVE LAHR at

742-6905. And, hey, if you

can't volunteer to set out sacks and replace candles, you can still just show up on the street at around 5:45 any night, and start lighting! It's FUN!

Questions? Call Dave!



cookies - Whatever! Hope you'll come!

C'mon over to the Boswell' s for a WARM-UP after the luminaria are all lit. (Yes, please come even if you're not on the lighting list!) Enjoy mulled cider and hot chocolate as well as a few "adult beverages" (Tom & Jerrys and real-live-slap- yer-knee-Mississippi EGGNOG). We'll have a few munchies, but we welcome your snacks or Christmas



Luminaria anyone?





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec 20: Neighborhood Holiday Party

at Minjarez's house

Dec 22: Luminaria ' Warm-up Party"

at Boswell's house

Dec 22-24: Luminaria Display each evening beginning at 6pm

Jan 15: Annual Pot Luck Dinner!



Neighbor News!

-- Congratulations to neighbor Anna O' Connor who is a "feature article" in this month's "Lafayette Magazine." Read all about Anna's amazing musical talents!

-- Welcome to our newly-annexed neighborhood folks in the 500 & 600 blocks of S. 7th Street! Luminaria up there next year? We gotta make more bases! let's do that in the Spring?



Neighborhood Donations.....

We are collecting food, good clothing, unused toiletries & cosmetics, and nice household items for several local "helping" agencies to

distribute to community folks. If you would like to donate, bring items to either of the parties (Dec. 20 and 22nd) or drop them off at Boswell's house (800 State) before Dec 23rd. Your canned goods will be taken to the Food Pantry. "It's My Closet" accepts our gently-used clothing and shoes, household items, and unopened toiletries and cosmetics- actually, any home & life "necessity"

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Address Service Requested

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

City ordinance states that walks must be cleared within **6 HOURS** after snow stops falling.

So - how about being a good neighbor and getting your walks cleared? It's the nice thing to do!

Snow Removal!



GET READY! Our co-chairs will be making calls right after the holidays, inviting folks to help out "officially" next year: block reps, welcome team, etc., etc. Hope you'll think about doing a **LITTLE** part - so no one has to do a **LOT**! Anyway - don't hang up if you get a call! ☺

you have in **YOUR** home! Children, youth, and families in Lafayette can "shop" for their needs. **UPDATE:** "It's My Closet" is located behind Durgan School and has limited drop-off times, but **NOW**, we have another option: You may drop off donations (even after the holidays) at **KDee's Coffee at 1016 Main St. downtown.** Be sure and thank owner Jerry Kalal for making it so easy for citizens to help each other!